

Frequently Asked Questions and Responses

2014 Integrated Regional Water Management Drought Grant Solicitation

#	Question Category	Question	Response	Date Posted
1	Project Physical Benefits	Column (d) of Table 5 - Annual Project Physical Benefits, of the Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP), instructs the applicant to subtract Column (c) from Column (b), this results in a negative number for some projects, is this correct?	Project physical benefits should be positive. Some benefit types will yield a negative number if Column (c) is subtracted from Column (b), while others will be negative if Column (b) is subtracted from Column (c). Therefore, Column (d) should be the absolute value of the difference between Column (c) and Column (b).	7/7/2014
2	Page Limits	For sections with page limits on a per project basis, can applicants utilize more than one page per project if the overall number of pages for the section does not exceed the cumulative page allocation? For example, if an application contains 10 projects (allocated 10 pages), can one page be used as an overarching description for the IRWM region or entire proposal, with the remaining nine pages to describe the individual projects?	Yes	7/7/2014
3	Surface Water Diversion Reporting	Page 19 of the PSP, requires project proponents, that are surface water diverters, to include documentation from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) that verifies the diverter has submitted its surface water diversion reports; however, the SWRCB does not provide such documentation. What should be included in the application to prove surface water diversion reports have been submitted to the SWRCB?	A screen shot of the SWRCB's website that shows the project proponent's surface water diversion report has been uploaded.	7/7/2014
4	Grant Management as a Project	Can the activities and costs associated with the management of a grant agreement be grouped as its own project in the application? If so, will the project be scored the same as the projects with physical benefits (implementation projects)?	Yes, a Grant Management/Grant Administration may be included as a separate project. If an applicant chooses to do this, the project will not be scored the same as the implementation projects.	7/7/2014
5	"Not Locally Cost Effective" Documentation	Must all projects demonstrate they are not locally cost effective (page 20 of PSP)?	No. Only projects that select Drought Project Element "D.3 Assist water suppliers and regions to implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective" in Table 4 - 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation Project Summary Table, must include documentation that confirms the project is not locally cost effective.	7/7/2014
6	Technical Analysis Documentation	Must studies, reports, or other documents that support the technical analysis in Attachment 3. Project Justification be uploaded to GRanTS or are references to these documents sufficient?	References alone are not sufficient. Applicants must either: (1) upload the entire supporting document (directly related to the project) to GRanTS and include, in Attachment 3, specific page references to the pertinent information or (2) upload only the pertinent pages of the document, along with the cover of the document.	7/7/2014

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